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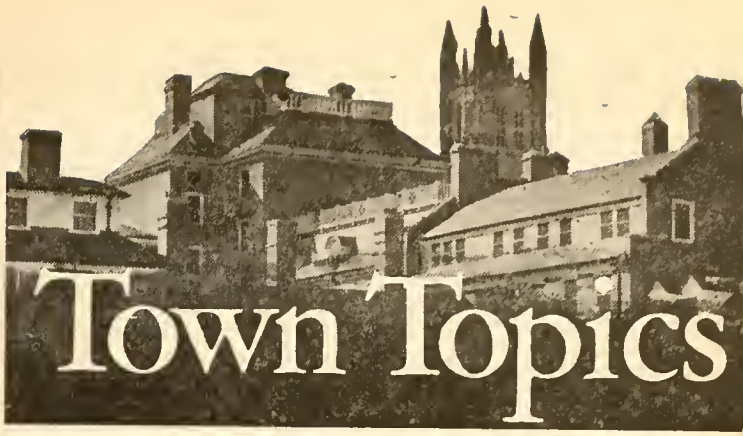

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Arthur Lynds Bigelow, 38-year old member of Princeton University's engineering faculty and one of the world's great bell-masters, whose music from the sky reaches all parts of the Princeton Area and annually attracts hundreds of visitors to this community. It was another tribute to Bigelow's achievements in his little publicized profession when the carillonneurs of the Middle Atlantic States assembled here Friday to discuss bell-forms and to play a series of recitals on the Class of 1892 Carillon hung in Cleveland Tower that rises 173 feet above the Graduate College.

Princeton guidebooks invariably refer to Bigelow as "former bell-master of the town of Louvain, Belgium," giving rise to the belief that the centuries-old, unAmericanized art of bell-ringing has been transplanted to the New Jersey countryside from the Old World. While Bigelow is an honor graduate of the publicly-supported carillon school at Mechlin, Belgium, and still holds his Louvain appointment, he is a native of Springfield, Mass., who turned to Europe after completing his engineering training at the University of Pittsburgh.

Bigelow's knowledge of bells extends far beyond playing them in carillon, for he insists that "knowing how to play is not enough." In the 1930's, as Louvain was replacing the bells destroyed by German artillery fire in World War I, Belgian artisans, famous for their research and craftsmanship, turned to him for direction in "voicing" their reconstructed carillon. Bigelow has studied thousands of bells, has recorded bell dimensions and tones throughout Western Europe and this country and has now arrived at design equations and curves that have been found successful in every one of the bells he has designed, molded, turned and tuned.

A headlong, 1,000-mile flight on bicycle—from the Low Countries to the Pyrenees before the advancing Wehrmacht—preceded the Bigelows' move to Princeton in 1941. From their Flanders home they had only saved the precious notes that within two years enabled him to renovate the once-clangy 1892 Carillon. Currently designing belfries for the Valley Forge Memorial Chapel, Cornell University and two Tennessee churches, Bigelow serves as research consultant and tonal expert for a large electronics concern that last Christmas installed his 61-note electronic carillon atop New York City's Empire State Building and made carillon history by beaming daily concerts over New York by stentor amplifiers.

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Changes in Plans. Charles McGuire, whom police say lived in a truck parked each night just off Witherspoon Street, had his thoughts about the Summer altered abruptly. For offering in rather persuasive fashion to take charge of cars in the free Palmer Square parking yard in return for a quarter of a dollar, Mr. McGuire's lengthy record of disorderly conduct convictions was increased by a year. His offer, unopportunely made to Governor Alfred E. Driscoll, was even more unopportunely overheard by Sergeant Raymond Mondone.

Dr. Albert Einstein of 112 Mercer Street issued a denial that he was (1) going to Oak Ridge, Tenn., to help direct the atomic energy project there or (2) to Prague, Czechoslovakia, to partake in an international convention of atomic scientists. Columnist Danton Walker dreamed up the first report; it could not be ascertained how close the second was to originating in the Kremlin.

Actress Carole Landis, who was to have opened a week's run at the McCarter, had kept another rendezvous instead.

First—and Last. One day shortly after the war ended, Larry Hightower, 47-year old ex-cowpuncher of Ellensburg, Wash., took to wondering what new profession he should follow. "I saw a picture of an airplane circling the globe and next to it, one of a man pushing a wheelbarrow," he told us enthusiastically.

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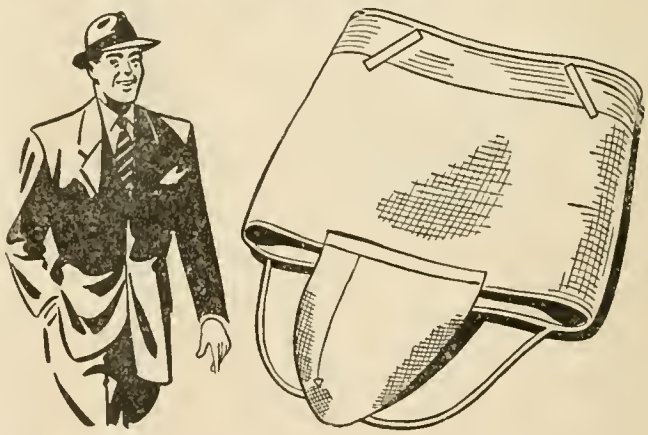

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Bronzed, grizzled, a bit thin but full of energy (from a diet, he says, of hash browned potatoes and toast), Hightower this week passed by Princeton, clocked off his 7,381st mile. His journey since he left Washington July 4, 1946, has taken him and his 'barrow through 19 States, Canada and Mexico. Among his incidental costs: one wornout tire, 13 pairs of shoes, 696 pairs of socks.

Hightower's rolling stock, homemade, features a speedometer, a small radio,

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several battle flags, a medicine kit, extra clothing, and log books now numbering eight. In these he collects signatures and lists the radio stations over which he is interviewed, the schools and colleges to which he says he has lectured. "I give 'em Americanism," he says in an eager way, "and rip right into communism."

This week, he was scheduled to move through the Holland Tunnel into New York, where he hoped to pick up a passport and would "play a hunch" he could get free passage on a ship for London. If he does, he plans to maintain his record and his morale by walking (with the wheelbarrow, of course) constantly around the deck while crossing the ocean.

From London, he'll be off to Burma, then back by points in the Pacific, some of which are still a bit indefinite in his mind. No harm, though—he doesn't figure to complete his trip until 1958.

Reader Interest. Last spring TOWN TOPICS told of work being done in China by Dr. and Mrs. Stuart P. Seaton, medical missionaries who are former Princetonians, and of their great need for glasses to distribute among those

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Saturday, July 17th

8:30 p.m.: Final performance, William Saroyan's "The Beautiful People," University Players' Production; Murray Theater.

8:40 p.m.: Final performance, "Goodbye Again," Drama Festival production; McCarter Theater.

Sunday, July 18th

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

10:30 a.m.: "The Trial of Moses," the Rev. Milton J. Nauss; Lutheran Service; Westminster Chapel.

11:00 a.m.: "Peter, The Rock," the Rev. Lynn H. Corson; Methodist Church.
"The Right To Be Happy," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
"God and Peace of Mind," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Second Church.
Sermon, the Rev. Dr. John V. Butler; Trinity Episcopal Church.
"Life," Lesson-Sermon; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Noon: House-to-House Collection of scrap paper, sponsored by Charles Robinson Post Number 218, American Legion.

8:00 p.m.: "The One Desire," the Rev. Dr. Niles; Gospel Song Service; First Church.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, July 19th

6:15 p.m.: Twin-M League Baseball: Princeton vs. Blawenburg; Brokaw Diamond.

8:40 p.m.: "Laura," Princeton Drama Festival Production starring Signe Hasso, opens one-week run, McCarter Theater.

Wednesday, July 21st

8:15 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Meeting; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, July 22nd

9:00-11:00 p.m.: Block Dance, sponsored by Playgrounds Committee; High School.

Friday, July 23d

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

Silver River (Fri., Sat.) allows frolicsome Errol Flynn to move heroically through a piece in which he gambles for silver mines and the love of Ann Sheridan. A fair western.

Fort Apache (Sun. thru Wed.) is a well-done melodrama staged by John Ford in which Henry Fonda, as a blundering, domineering general of post-Civil War days, nearly manages to give the country back to the Indians. A slow start and overlong (2 hrs., 7 min.) but generally entertaining. With Shirley Temple, John Wayne.

Easter Parade (Thurs. thru Wed.) doesn't need much more than Fred Astaire's dancing, old and new tunes by Irving Berlin to sell it to the public. Ann Miller and Judy Garland also display various musical and physical aspects. Light-hearted and nicely paced.

The Garden

Hazard (Fri., Sat.) features Paulette Goddard in a pseudo-adventure story with gambling as the theme. In fact, Miss Goddard loses a bet, wins an unwanted husband but never her audience.

Song of My Heart (Mon., Tues., Wed.), the life story of Peter Tschaikowsky, is well worth while for music lovers. Many of his best works are offered in whole or in part, woven around a leisurely-told story.

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